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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

**Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment "A" accompanies a continuation application of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/055,869, filed January 22, 2002, which is currently pending. Claims 1 - 25 as originally filed are pending in the present continuation application.

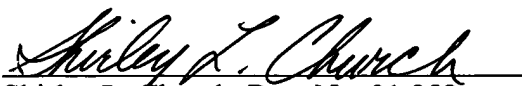
The drawings were previously objected to in the prior application, as were portions of the disclosure. Applicants are correcting errors in the drawings, and are submitting a new set of Formal Drawings with the present application. Applicants are not amending the disclosure, which appears to be subject to an interpretation which would be correct.

Please amend the application as follows.

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